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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the ABSTRACT with the following rewritten ABSTRACT:

A lock assembly includes a housing, a core assembly and a retainer. The housing includes a housing retainer groove located generally transverse to an axis defined by a bore through the housing, which corresponds with a core retainer groove. When the core assembly is mounted within the bore, the retainer grooves are aligned. The retainer is inserted into the grooves such that a bridge portion of the retainer is engaged by an engagement feature to secure the retainer and thereby mount the core assembly into the housing.